Sanctions for Private Medical Colleges

*96. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had kept some amount for making payment of subvention to private medical colleges;

(b) if so, how many applications have been received through State Governments;

(c) how much amount has been distributed to colleges;

(d) whether any application for nursing services schemes has been received by Government; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (e) A subvention of Rs. 5000/- per annum per student is being paid to private medical colleges as per the directions of the Supreme Court contained in its order dated 11.8.1995 in W.P. No. 317 of 1993. The scheme has been in operation since 1995-96. During the year 2000-01, an amount of Rs. 3.60 crores has been provided for payment of subvention. In all, 29 claims for payment of subvention have been received so far from different colleges through respective State Governments. Subvention amount in respect of 8 colleges involving Rs. 1,66,15,000/- has already been released. Further sanction for subvention claims of 5 more medical colleges involving Rs. 1,13,25,000/- has also been issued.

As per the directions of the Supreme Court, the subvention is to be paid in respect of students of private medical colleges only. The scheme is not applicable to nursing services.